STANDISH AREA FIRE AUTHORITY ARENAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

November 4, 2008

To the Board of Directors Standish Area Fire Authority Arenac County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities of the Standish Area Fire Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Standish Area Fire Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Standish Area Fire Authority as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Government Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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This section of the Standish Area Fire Authority's June 30, 2008 Financial Report presents Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Authority's financial activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The analysis focuses on the Authority's financial performance as a whole. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the Standish Area Fire Authority exceeded liabilities at June 30, 2008, by \$516,050. Of this amount, \$175,453 is unrestricted and may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Authority's net assets increased by \$48,539 during the year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year the department's general fund, reporting an ending fund balance of \$176,042, an increase of \$61,075 in comparison with the prior year.

USING THIS REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements as well as other requirements as follows:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Authority's financial activities.
- Government-wide Financial Statements consists of a statement of net assets and a statement of activities. These provide information about the activities of the Authority as a whole and represent an overall view of the Authority's finances.
- Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements report the Authority's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
- Notes to the Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.
- Required Supplementary Information, other than MD&A, provides information about the required budgetary comparison information.

REPORTING THE AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities - The Government-wide statements report information about the Authority as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the Authority's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

One of the most important questions asked about the Authority's finances is, Is the Authority as a whole better or worse off as a result of the year's activities? The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the Authority as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is very similar to the method of accounting used by most private sector companies. These two statements report the Authority's net assets, which are the difference between assets and liabilities, as one way to measure the Authority's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Authority's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Additional factors such as changes in the Authority's property tax base and the condition of the Authority's infrastructure are also important in making this decision.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, all the activities are reported as governmental activities:

- Governmental Activities All of the Authority's basic services are reported here, such as fire prevention. Local unit contributions and grants finance most of these activities.
- Business-Type Activities The Authority has no business-type activities.

REPORTING THE AUTHORITY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about individual, significant funds, not the Authority as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. The Authority can establish other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (such as construction or capital projects) and to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as tax increment financing revenues). The Authority has one kind of fund:

Governmental Funds

The Governmental Funds account for all of the Authority's basic services. They focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances at year-end that are available for spending. Governmental funds include the General Fund; Special Revenue Funds such as Major Street and UDA Grant; the Debt Service Fund; and the Capital Projects Fund. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The government fund statements provide a detailed, short-term view of the Authority's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Authority's programs.

The financial statements required for governmental funds include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets serve over time as useful indicator of financial position. The following analysis shows the Authority's total net assets at June 30, 2008.

		Government	tal A	ctivities 2007
ASSETS Current and other assets	\$	199,535.66	\$	183,343.33
Capital Assets net of accumulated depreciation		364,477.49		388,118.06
Total Assets		564,013.15		571,461.39
LIABILITIES Current liabilities Long-term liabilities	_	41,599.99 <u>-</u>		86,434.29 17,516.39
Total Liabilities		103,950.68		103,950.68
Invested in capital assets net of related debt Unrestricted	_	340,596.51 175,453.32		353,646.46 113,864.25
Total Net Assets	\$	516,049.83	\$	467,510.71

Net assets of governmental activities increased for the year ended June 30, 2008 by \$48,539.12. The largest portion of the Authority's net assets is invested in capital assets (e.g., fire trucks and equipment), less the related debt. The debt related to the investment in capital assets is liquidated with sources other than capital assets. Total unrestricted net assets, the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, legislation, or other legal requirements is \$175,453.32.

The following analysis provides the changes in the net assets for the Authority's governmental activities.

	Governmenta	
REVENUES General Revenue	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Grants Local Contribution Interest Other Loss on sale of fire truck	\$ 26,246.59 107,365.43 5,191.44 16,246.59 (8,853.33)	\$ 4,128.83 104,414.39 6,816.55 10,240.74
Total Revenue	146,196.72	125,600.51
EXPENSES Public Safety	97,657.60	117,685.46
Total Expenses	97,657.60	117,685.46
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	48,539.12	7,915.05
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	467,510.71	459,595.66
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 516,049.83	<u>\$ 467,510.71</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Authority uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The only governmental fund is the General Fund of the Authority. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The Authority's investment in capital assets for governmental activities totaled \$358,114.16 (net of accumulated depreciation) at June 30, 2008. Authority added an ice rescue trailer for the year.

Capital assets, net of depreciation	2008	2007
Vehicles Equipment	\$ 309,312.27 <u>48,801.89</u>	\$ 342,792.28 <u>45,325.78</u>
Total	<u>\$ 358,114.16</u>	\$ 388,118.06

LONG-TERM DEBT

At year end the Standish Area Fire Authority had a note payable to Chemical Bank for \$18,106.69 related to the purchase of a fire truck. The note requires annual payments of \$18,105.17 including interest at 3.29% per annum. Payments are due July 15 of each year.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

Our officials consider many factors when setting the Authority's 2008 fiscal year budget. One of the most important factors affecting the budget is the State of Michigan's economy.

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to present our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and operating activities. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Administration at Standish Area Fire Authority, P.O. Box 175, Standish, MI 48658.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS June 30, 2008

Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	199,535.66
Capital assets being depreciated	·	,
Equipment and vehicles		672,387.50
Accumulated depreciation		(314,273.34)
Net Capital Assets	-	358,114.16
Net Capital Assets	_	330,114.10
Total Assets		557 640 92
Total Assets		557,649.82
Liabilities		
Accounts payable		516.96
Accrued Interest		589.04
Deferred revenue		22,976.34
Non-Current Liabilities:		22,010.01
Due within one year		17,517.65
		17,317.03
Due in more than one year	_	<u> </u>
Total Liabilities		41,599.99
Total Elabilities		41,000.00
Net Assets		
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt		340,596.51
Unrestricted		175,453.32
	_	-,
Total Net Assets	\$	516,049.83

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Program Expenses - Fire/emergency protection		
Fire and emergency protection- operations	\$	62,741.47
Depreciation		34,278.57
Interest on equipment note	_	637.56
Total program expenses -Fire/emergency protection		97,657.60
Program Revenues		
Charges for service		9,715.59
Operating grants		26,246.59
Capital grants	_	
Total program revenues		35,962.18
Net program income (expense)		(61,695.42)
General Revenues:		
Local unit contributions		107,365.43
Interest income		5,191.44
Other income		6,531.00
Loss on sale of fire truck	_	(8,853.33)
Total general revenues	_	110,234.54
Change in Net Assets		48,539.12
Net Assets beginning of year	_	467,510.71
Net Assets end of year	\$_	516,049.83

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2008

<u>ASSETS</u>	_	General
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	199,535.66
Total Assets	\$	199,535.66
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities Accounts payable Deferred revenue	\$	516.96 22,976.34
Total Liabilities Fund Balance Unreserved - Undesignated Unreserved - Designated for building Unreserved - Designated for equipment	_	23,493.30 156,774.68 1,470.00 17,797.68
Total Fund Balance	_	176,042.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$	199,535.66

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET FUND BALANCE For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Fund Balances - Total governmental f	\$	176,042.36
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and		
therefore are not reported in fund.		
Add - Capital assets		672,387.50
Deduct - Accumulated depreciation		(314,273.34)
Long-term liabilities applicable to governmental activities are not due and payable		
in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities.		
Note payable firetruck		(17,517.65)
Accrued interest on loan	-	(589.04)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$	516.049.83

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AMENDED BUDGET AND ACTUAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND June 30, 2008

	_	Original Budget	_	Amended Budget	_	Actual	_	Variance Over (Under)
REVENUES								
Local unit contributions	\$	107,365.43	\$	107,365.43	\$	107,365.43	\$	0.00
Grant income		0.00		0.00		26,246.59		26,246.59
Interest		1,500.00		1,500.00		5,191.44		3,691.44
Charges for services		10,000.00		10,000.00		9,715.59		(284.41)
Other	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	_	6,531.00	-	5,031.00
TOTAL REVENUES		120,365.43		120,365.43		155,050.05		34,684.62
EXPENDITURES								
Wages and taxes		16,300.00		16,300.00		16,668.40		368.40
Rental		4,500.00		4,500.00		32.00		(4,468.00)
Personal protection		5,000.00		5,000.00		3,279.43		(1,720.57)
Office Supplies		1,000.00		1,000.00		261.51		(738.49)
Foam		3,000.00		3,000.00		0.00		(3,000.00)
Insurance		19,500.00		19,500.00		17,724.00		(1,776.00)
Meals		12,000.00		12,000.00		8,819.23		(3,180.77)
Repairs and maintenance		5,000.00		5,000.00		1,294.48		(3,705.52)
Fuel		3,500.00		3,500.00		2,770.87		(729.13)
Operating supplies		3,000.00		3,000.00		3,160.34		160.34
Legal and professional		2,000.00		2,000.00		995.00		(1,005.00)
Communications		5,500.00		5,500.00		1,341.83		(4,158.17)
Training		4,250.00		4,250.00		4,848.31		598.31
Contracted services		5,000.00		5,000.00		325.83		(4,674.17)
Capital Outlay		2,000.00		9,500.00		13,128.00		3,628.00
Other operating expenditures		2,224.08		2,224.08		1,220.24		(1,003.84)
Debt payments	-	26,841.35	-	26,841.35	_	18,105.17	_	(8,736.18)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	120,615.43	=	128,115.43	_	93,974.64	_	(34,140.79)
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(250.00)		(7,750.00)		61,075.41		68,825.41
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	114,966.95	-	114,966.95	_	114,966.95	_	0.00
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	114,716.95	\$	107,216.95	\$	176,042.36	\$_	68,825.41

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Net change in fund balance - Total governmental funds	\$ 61,075.41
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activites are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities those assets are allocated over the estimated useful lives of the asset and reported as depreciation expense.	
Add - Capital outlay	13,128.00
Deduct - Depreciation expense	(34,278.57)
Deduct - Loss on sale of fire truck	(8,853.33)
Debt repayments are an expenditure in governmental funds, but not in the	
statement of activities where it reduces long-term debt	
Accrued interest change	509.45
Total principal payment	 16,958.16
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$ 48,539.12

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY

The Standish Area Fire Authority, ("Authority"), was established as an emergency services authority pursuant to the provisions of Michigan Public Act No. 57. It is a joint authority created by contractual agreement between the City of Standish, Township of Lincoln and Township of Standish. Its purpose is to provide fire protection service to citizens residing in the Authority's boundaries. The Authority is governed by a Board of Directors, which is comprised of two representatives from each of the participating municipalities. Each board member is appointed by the legislative board of the municipality and requires at least one of the two representative members must also be a member of the legislative body of the municipality.

The Authority has followed the guidelines of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14 and has determined that no entities should be consolidated into its financial statements as component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Therefore, the reporting entity consists of the primary government financial statements only.

The accounting policies of the Standish Area Fire Authority conform to generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to government units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 Standish Area Fire Authority implemented GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements -and Management's Discussion and Analysis- for State and Local Governments* (GASB 34). This statement affects the manner in which the Authority records transactions and presents financial information.

State and local governments have traditionally used a financial reporting model substantially different from the one used to prepare private-sector financial reports. GASB 34 establishes new requirements and a new reporting model, much like private-sector financial reports, for the annual financial reports of state and local governments. The new format was developed to make annual reports of state and local governments easier to understand and more useful to users of governmental financial information.

Management's Discussion and Analysis-GASB 34 requires the financial statements be accompanied by a narrative introduction and analytical overview of the Authority's financial activities in the form of management's discussion and analysis (MD&A). This analysis is similar to the analysis provided in the annual reports of private-sector organizations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements – The reporting model includes financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all Standish Area Fire Authority's activities. This approach includes not just current assets and liabilities, but also capital and other long-term assets as well as long-term liabilities. Accrual accounting also reports all of the revenues and costs of providing services each year, not just those received or paid in the current year or soon thereafter. Government-wide financial statements also include the following:

Statement of Net Assets - The statement of net assets is designed to display the financial position of the Primary Government (governmental and business-type activities) and the total of its discretely presented component parts. Standish Area Fire Authority reports capital assets in the government-wide statement of net assets and reports depreciation expense – the cost of "using up" capital assets – in the statement of activities. The net assets of the Authority are broken down into three categories: 1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt; 2) restricted; and 3) unrestricted.

Statement of Activities – The statement of activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of each of the Authority's functions. The expense of individual functions is compared to the revenue generated directly by the function. Accordingly, Standish Area Fire Authority has recorded capital assets and certain other long-term assets and liabilities in the statement of net assets and has reported all revenues and the cost of providing services under the accrual basis of accounting in the statement of activities. Implementation of GASB 34 has had a significant impact on the Authority's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2008.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Comparisons to budget are presented for the General Fund as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Authority. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Authority does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of deposits in checking accounts, other demand accounts and certificates of deposits with an original maturity date less than 90 days from the original issue date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Michigan law authorizes the Authority to deposit and invest in:

- a. Bonds, securities, other obligations and repurchase agreements of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- b. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or depository receipts of a qualified institution.
- c. Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
- d. Bankers' acceptances of United States banks.
- e. Obligations of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions that, at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by at least one standard rating service.
- f. Mutual funds registered under the investments company act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation.
- g. External investment pools as authorized by Public Act 20 as amended through 12/31/97.

Investments are carried at fair value.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The Authority defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,500 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance are repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities, if any, is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. No such interest expense was incurred during the current fiscal year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <u>June 30, 2008</u>

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital assets of the Authority are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Machinery and equipment	5–15
Vehicles	8–25

DEPOSITS

At year-end, the carrying amounts and bank balance of the Authority's deposits were as follows:

	Carrying	Bank
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Checking accounts	\$ 199,535.66	\$ 199,903.37
	Carrying	Bank
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Uninsured	 99,535.66	99,903.37
Total	\$ 199,535.66	\$ 199,903.37

The Authority's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

CAPITAL ASSETS

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Governmental Activities Capital assets being depreciated	¢ 420.007	¢42.420	c	Ф 452.055
Machinery and equipment Vehicles	\$ 138,927 603,333	\$13,128 	<u>\$ -</u> (83,000)	\$ 152,055 520,333
Total capital assets being depreciated	742,260	13,128	(83,000)	672,388
Less accumulated depreciation Machinery and equipment	(93,601)	(9,652)	<u>-</u>	(103,253)
Vehicles	(260,540)	(24,627)	74,147	(211,020)
Total accumulated depreciation	(354,141)	(34,279)	74,147	(314,273)
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 388,119</u>	<u>\$ (21,151)</u>	<u>\$ (8,853)</u>	<u>\$ 358,115</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2008

2. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is expected to various risks of loss related to claims, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority purchases commercial insurance to provide for these risks.

There was no change in coverage from the prior year. Settled claims have not exceeded the amounts of insurance coverage in any of the last three years.

3. NOTE PAYABLE

Following is a summary of note payable to Chemical Bank for the remaining balance owed on a new fire truck purchase. The note is secured by the fire truck and requires annual payment of \$18,105.17 including interest at 3.29% per annum.

<u>Due</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
7/15/08	<u> 17,517.65</u>	<u>589.04</u>	<u> 18,102.38</u>
	<u>\$ 17,517.65</u>	\$ 589.04	\$ 18,102.38